

Seattle Billy Graham Crusade Sets New Attendance Records

SEATTLE, May 16 — Evangelist Billy Graham closed his record-breaking Pacific Northwest Crusade today in the new 63,000-seat Kingdome Stadium in Seattle. It was one of the most successful Crusades Graham has ever conducted in the United States. The newspapers described it as the largest single event in the history of the state of Washington.

The Crusade attracted over 430,000 persons to the "Kingdome" during eight days of crusading, with a message on the love of God and a Christian's social responsibilities. Over 18,000 people responded to his invitation to make a commitment to Christ.

The Crusade broke the attendance record at the stadium on Friday night when 74,000 jammed

every nook and corner, and spilled out by the thousands on the floor of the stadium. The police estimated they turned over 10,000 away. This was 11,000 more than the stadium actually holds.

Ted Bowsfield, Kingdome manager, said, "This record will never stand for a long time. We never expected the Graham Crusade to draw so many people."

Dr. Graham attributed the success of the Crusade to several factors. Seattle has the lowest church attendance of any city in the United States. He said thousands of people are searching for "something" to believe in. Second, the overwhelming support that he received from the churches. Third, the intensive year-long preparation of prayer and Bible training that preceded the Cru-

sade. More than 6,000 homes had weekly prayer meetings. He said the Crusade had reached spiritual depths that he had rarely seen in an American community. Fifth, the great support he received in the newspapers and media. On several occasions the press gave the Crusade its number one front page headlines.

The Saturday night offerings, in keeping with Graham's burden for hungry people around the world, was given in its entirety to alleviate hunger, not only in the Pacific West, but in other parts of the world. A committee of seven was appointed to administer the funds.

Chartered buses and planes brought people to the Crusade from all over the West: British Columbia, Alberta, the Yukon, Western Montana, Idaho, Alaska,

Oregon and Northern California. One of the most effective ministries of the Crusade was the School of Evangelism. More than 1,300 pastors registered in the crowded Seattle's First Presbyterian Church for a five day Crusade-sponsored school filled with addresses from leading seminary professors and successful pastors from other parts of the country. Graham said, "These Schools of Evangelism may have the most effect of anything we do in these Crusades."

Hundreds of auxiliary meetings were held throughout the Northwest by Graham's Associate Evangelists. Black evangelist Ralph Bell, a former prison chaplain, now associated with Mr. Graham, visited every penal institution talking to prisoners about Christ.

The Kingdome Stadium in Seattle, as 74,000 people jammed the facility during the Billy Graham Crusade there.

Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

Scope Convention Center

June 13-14, 1976

Norfolk, Virginia

Theme: "Faith Of Our Fathers"

Sunday Night, June 13
7:00 Concert—The Seventy-Six Singers, Youth Choir, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.
7:15 Welcome and Presentation of Program—Adrian Rogers, Pastors' Conference president and pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis
7:20 Prayer—Joe Crumpler, Pastors' Conference vice president and pastor, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
7:25 Congregational Singing
7:30 Message—Charles Stanley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
8:10 Special Music—Joe Helms, minister of music, Sheridan Baptist Church, Hollywood, Fla.
8:15 Message—Russell Clearman, pastor, Olivet Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.
8:55 Prayer for America
Monday Morning, June 14
9:00 Song, Praise, and Prayer
9:05 Welcome and Presentation of Program—Adrian Rogers
9:10 Special Music
9:15 Message—Ron Dunn, Bible conference speaker, Irving, Tex.
9:45 Congregational Singing
9:55 Message—Walter Judd, retired congressman, Washington, D. C.
10:30 Congregational Singing
10:35 Message—Homer Lindsay, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
11:10 Special Music—The Anita Bryant Singers, Miami, Fla.

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Agency Projects Surplus, Approves Reorganization

MEMPHIS (BP) — Encouraged by reports of a projected \$106,000 surplus in operating funds, trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission approved a staff reorganizational plan adding six new staff positions and a 12-month budget of \$1,582,000 to support it.

The new budget, up \$137,392 or 9 percent, provides for a World Missions Conference director, a director of Pioneer Royal Ambassadors, a Baptist Men's consultant, a business section director, and two editorial workers.

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Commission, called the action the first step in broadening and improving services for involving men and boys in missions in 33 state Baptist conventions, 1,196 Baptist associations, and 34,902 Southern Baptist churches in 50 states.

The other action the trustee unanimously requested the Executive Committee of the Southern

Baptist Convention to broaden its 1976-77 budget allocation recommendations and distribute a portion of all of the budget's challenge funds to all eligible agencies.

The budget recommendation (Continued on page 3)

ACTION Material Available On Individual Basis

The ACTION manual and cassette tape (1½ hours) may now be ordered on an individual basis. One ACTION manual will sell for \$10 and the tape will cost \$3.

The ACTION Kits consisting of three manuals and one tape may still be purchased for \$30, according to Bryant Cummings, director (Continued on page 3)

The purposes of the meeting were to provide an overview of the suggested program for churches as projected by the denomination and to make associational leaders aware of possible associational projects they may wish to consider in planning an associational program to assist the churches.

Workshop groups were formed, as the meeting continued, according to program and organizational areas, with each being led by Convention Board personnel who related to the specific areas. Finally, each associational director of missions and or moderator met with his representatives to determine how planning accomplished during the day could be implemented through the local associational organizations for the benefit of the churches.

Those attending the associational planning workshop were directors of missions, moderators, clerks, Sunday School directors, Church Training directors, WMU directors, Brotherhood directors, missions committee chairmen,

Rev. Dale Patterson, center, evangelism chairman for Pearl River Baptist Association, visits with Rev. Roy Collum, left, director of evangelism for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Forrest (Woody) Watkins, director of associational evangelism for the Home Mission Board.

Associational officers of Jones County Association gather for planning during the association planning workshop at Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson.

Colloquium Will Launch 3-Year Education Study

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Louisiana Baptists Retire Debt On Baptist Building

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — The Louisiana Baptist Convention's executive board celebrated a complete retirement of the convention's debt on its state Baptist office building at a dinner meeting here.

The more than \$900,000 debt on the 15-year-old building was paid

Colloquium Will Launch 3-Year Education Study

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ers, including Baptist educators, pastors, SBC agency and state convention heads, and 63 college and seminary presidents, the program features some prestigious names from outside SBC ranks. They are Earl McGrath, former

secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and now senior educational advisor, Lilly Foundation, Indianapolis; Robert Gale, president of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, Washington; D. Elton

Trueblood, professor at large, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana; Oklahoma Governor David Boren; and Fred E. Harris, associate general secretary, United Methodist Board of Higher Education, Nashville, Tennessee.

Churches Excluded From Proposed Lobbying Act

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Churches, conventions of churches, and associations of churches and their integrated auxiliaries are excluded from a new proposed lobbying law introduced by U. S. Rep. Barber B. Conable (R-N.Y.) and 14 co-sponsors.

The bill, H. R. 13500, is the result of four years of work by Conable and was introduced after lengthy consultations with representatives of charitable and religious groups. The churches are excluded at the request of their representatives.

A hearing on the bill was set by the House Committee on Ways and Means for May 12, an unusually short period of time from its May 3 date of introduction.

The chief purpose of the Conable bill is to define more specifically than does present law the amount of money which non-religious public charities may spend to influence legislation without losing their tax-exempt status.

Current law provides for tax exemption for certain charities—including churches and their agencies—"no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation."

The rule of thumb interpretation of the present lobbying law that applies to such organizations is that five percent of their budgets is the limit which they can spend on influencing legislation without losing their right to receive tax deductible contributions.

The objection to the present five percent rule is that it is not statutory, is applied unevenly, and thus causes confusion and uncertainty.

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The new rule, however, would spell out the exact amounts that non-religious charities could spend on efforts to influence legislation and at the same time retain their tax exemption.

In introducing his bill, Conable explained, "under the new standards, an organization incurs a tax if it spends more on influencing legislation than the permitted amount determined by a formula in the bill. The limits are set on a sliding scale, which allows proportionately lesser expenditures for larger organizations."

Conable further explained, "The permitted nontaxable amounts are 20 percent of the first \$500,000 of the organization's total expenditures; 15 percent of the second \$500,000; 10 percent of the third \$500,000; and 5 percent of any additional expenditures."

"No matter how large the organization, if it spends more than \$1 million on influencing legislation in any one year, it would have to pay a tax of 25 percent of the amount of any excess over this permitted level," the congressman added.

During the formative period of the proposed legislation, representatives of the nation's churches struggled against any effort on the part of government to define the mission of the churches by legislative definition of what they could or could not do to maintain their tax exempt status.

The outlook for the enactment of the Conable bill into law this year is uncertain. It has been introduced late in the session when Congress is struggling for adjournment to campaign in the elections.

WMU Has Clinic For Association Officers

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1976 Year of Celebration of the Mississippi WMU Centennial.

As plans are being made for the coming year's work in Woman's Missionary Union, it is important for this group of leaders—the associational officers—to be as well informed about their jobs as possible. Through these officers, the local churches of our state will be strengthened in their work, and the cause of missions and Christ will be glorified in Mississippi, declared Miss Marjean Patterson, executive Secretary of the Mississippi Woman's Mission Union.



Those present from Neshoba Association met today as a WMU Council during the afternoon session to check dates for planning meetings during the coming year. Mrs. W. C. Breland of Philadelphia, at far right, is the WMU Director for Neshoba Association.



Pearl River Association had its full slate of officers present at Camp Garawa for the Associational Training conferences. From left to right are Mrs. David Smith, GA Director; Mrs. Jerry Stewart, Centennial Chairman; Mrs. Bill Duncan, WMU Director; Mrs. O. C. Smith, Baptist Young Women Director. Second row, left to right: Mrs. James Harvey, Mission Friends Director; Mrs. Curtis Smith, Acteens Director; Mrs. Frank Lee, Baptist Women Director.



Smiles on the faces indicate that these ladies were enjoying the "historical presentation" by the WMU Staff members. In addition to this conference at Camp Garawa, a training day was held at North Oxford Baptist Church.

ACTION Coordinator Training
Nine states were represented by 54 persons at an ACTION Coordinator training meeting in Jackson. James Chatham and Frank Smith from the ACTION Section of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board directed the meeting.



Preaching Mission To New York
Twenty men from Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson will travel to New York to be in 11 churches and chapels of the Adirondack Association by invitation of the Association. The men will participate in laymen-led revivals May 30 to June 4. They will pay their own expenses, and the churches will provide the hospitality while they are in the area. Bill Ballou, minister of education at Alta Woods Baptist Church, will be leading the group. Adirondack Association is in the northwest corner of New York State. It is 250 miles wide and 100 miles deep bounded by the Canadian border and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Jeff Davis Association Plans Area-Wide Crusade

An Area-Wide, "Christ's Freedom Crusade" sponsored by Jeff Davis Baptist Association will open May 30 at the Prentiss High School's Bulldog stadium, with the meetings beginning at 7:30 p.m.



Sam Jones Mike Jones

m. nightly, with services continuing through June 4.

The Crusade has involved almost two years of planning and is expected to draw capacity crowds of nearly 2,000 people for each service during the week. It is anticipated that this meeting will be the largest single gathering of this type ever in the history of Jeff Davis County, Rev. L. B. Atchison, director of missions, indicated.

"As well as having an outstanding team to lead in this evangelistic endeavor, the crusade choir will be a special feature each evening. The program highlights in

clude many inspirational presentations including solos, personal testimonies, special features of musical groups, and thrilling congregational music from the vast audience assembled for this fine spiritual event," Rev. Atchison said.

The evangelist for the crusade will be Rev. Sam H. Jones, pastor of Glenview Baptist Church of Ft. Worth, Texas. During his 4½ years as pastor of the Ft. Worth church, over 1,000 people have been added to the church. Since 1967, Rev. Jones has preached over 160 revivals in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Illinois, California, Utah, and Mississippi as well as preaching two crusades on the Island of Jamaica and in December of 1972 in three evangelistic crusades in India.

The evangelistic singer for the crusade will be the Rev. Mike Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Harleton, Texas. Mike is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and Southwestern Seminary. He has served in various churches as music and youth director. During his ministry he has held over 60 revivals in the states of Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Oregon, Washington, and Mississippi.

Jackson Meeting Launches Association Advance Plan

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ciational night to provide an opportunity for pastors to develop their skills and keep abreast of the developments in the various programs of the church.

The fourth concept would be training for associational officers, who would be a select group committed to continuous training. They would be on mailing lists for helpful materials and certain resources. Training meetings would be scheduled at opportune times during the year and would be conducted by members of the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Vaughn said.

"All of these plans are based on the assumption that the action is in the church. All of the efforts in establishing and strengthening associational programs is to assist churches in carrying out the Great Commission, the command of our

Lord," Vaughn added.

The minimum organizational staff for associations suggested by Department Directors, MBCB, would establish for Sunday School, a Sunday School director and directors for preschool, children, youth, adult, general officers, and Vacation Bible Schools; for Church Training, a Church Training director, an associate director, and leaders for adult, youth, children, preschool, and recreation; for music, a church music director, an age group director, and an instrumental director; for Brotherhood, a Brotherhood director and leaders for Royal Ambassadors and Baptist Men; and for WMU, a WMU director and directors for Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, Acteens, Girls in Action, and Mission Friends.



The Pearl River Association planning session.



Pike Association officers meet for planning.



Young Musicians Festival

Some 2450 young musicians in mass rehearsal for presentation of "The Sound of America" at the recent Young Musicians Festival at the Coliseum in Jackson. The festival conductors were Harrell and Jane Slack, and Barbara Hamilton was narrator.



The choir from the Clarksdale Baptist Church received the award for the largest number of singers with 65 present.

Brotherhood Projects Surplus, Approves Staff Reorganization

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calls for all agencies to share in a \$49 million operating budget and a first phase challenge budget of \$1 million, but not a second phase challenge budget of \$3,920,000. The total 1976-77 budget is \$55 million (including \$1,080,000 in capital needs).

The SBC Executive Committee recommends dividing the second phase challenge budget among the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Radio and Television Commission, and six seminaries.

Commission trustees, responding unanimously to a motion by Everett Lemay, pastor from Mt. Vernon, Ill., asked the Executive Committee to reconsider its recommendation at its meeting, Monday, June 14, in Norfolk, the day before SBC messengers are scheduled to consider the 1976-77 budget.

The Illinois pastor, a former member of the Executive Committee, contended that the Executive Committee was attempting to designate to a few causes what Southern Baptists intended to give all causes.

He said that during the last three years, in which the SBC began distributing all gifts through the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis to all causes, giving has increased almost 50 percent.

"Southern Baptists view the Cooperative Program concept as an opportunity to give to everything that Baptists do," he said, noting that the current recommendation would "weaken the Cooperative Program concept."

Charles Harvey, Executive Committee chairman, and Porter Routh, Executive Committee

executive secretary, said the Executive Committee "is always ready to study any recommendation by any agency."

Routh said, "No attempt is being made to prevent Southern Baptists from giving to all causes." He said the overall proposal would distribute \$50 million (basic and phase one) among all causes, with only phase two selecting certain agencies on the basis of greatest unmet needs.

"And SBC messengers vote on any Cooperative Program budget six or seven months before any money is given. All church members would have full information about allocations by the SBC before giving any money," he said.

Harvey noted that the SBC by-laws require the Executive Committee to recommend a definite amount of money for each agency, not a percentage; that the amount recommended for the Brotherhood Commission is 16 percent over the amount allocated in 1975-76; and that since giving in 1976-77 will probably not reach as high as phase two that the agencies included were those with the greatest unmet needs.

He said that if the Brotherhood Commissions desired to have some of its proposed basic allocation of \$475,000, in phase two, rather than the basic budget, then that could be considered.

The Commission reduced its program 15 months ago, cutting its staff by 25 percent, when it became strapped for funds.

Left with an average even after paying off over \$81,000 in debts, the trustees pegged \$79,000 of the surplus for reserves for a National Royal Ambassador Congress, periodicals subscription and promotion, and staff employment.

The staff reorganization calls for five sections—business, service, program, ministries, and communications—each headed by a director.

McCullough said Jack Childs, current director of the service division, will become director of the service section; Bob Banks, executive assistant, the director of the program section; and Norman Godfrey, executive assistant, the director of the ministries section.

The agency will seek a director of the business section immediately, but leave the position of communications section director unfilled for the present, McCullough said.

Agency trustees also approved a plan for stationing Daniel Y. Moon, a home missions consultant for Asians and internationals, at the Commission to work in lay renewal and with Royal Ambassador boys and Baptist Men's groups. Moon, a Korean employed by the Home Mission Board, will move to Memphis from San Jose, Calif.

At a dinner, the trustees honored Arthur Rutledge of Atlanta, retiring executive director of the mission board, by presenting him with a personal letter from President Gerald Ford. It said in part:

"... One of the most cherished (freedoms) is the freedom to worship as we please. Your efforts attest to the strength we have derived from the religious freedom that has flourished in our nation since our founding. Inspired by the precepts of your faith, you have provided important direction to many useful efforts to advance both the spiritual and physical well-being of your fellow citizens. Your work has been in the finest tradition of our priceless na-

tional legacy."

In other action the trustees approved 1976-77 goals in the areas of public relations, programming, growth, management, and finance. The growth goals included increasing the number of churches with Brotherhood work to 16,000 up 1,000; the number of men and boys involved in Brotherhood work to 525,000 up 50,000; and the number of Baptist associations with Brotherhood officers to 850, up 50.

At the request of McCullough, Chairman P. A. Stevens asked the agency's ministries committee to develop a long range plan for involving Southern Baptists in reducing world hunger.

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WMU Raises '76 Lottie

Moon Goal To \$29 Million

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—The 1976 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions has been raised to \$29 million.

Woman's Missionary Union, the Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary which sponsors the annual offering, revised the goal after learning that the 1975 offering had reached \$26,169,421, about \$2 million over its goal. The 1976 goal had previously been set at \$26 million.

"We're glad we were wrong in setting the goal at \$26 million," said Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of WMU. "It's thrilling to realize that Southern Baptists are reaching beyond their old levels in mission support."

"Now that we have passed the \$26 million mark, the \$29 million gives us a challenging target," she said.

The upsurge in giving means that new goals will have to be set for 1977-78 Lottie Moon Offerings. These await action by the WMU Executive Board on June 12.

F. D. Hewitt, MC Director Of

Alumni Affairs, Is Retiring

A determining factor in the development of American colleges and universities today, especially those that are private, is the support these institutions receive from their alumni.

In recent years, alumni associations on nearly all college campuses have coordinated efforts to get this needed support as well as serving as agents to keep graduates informed about their alma maters.

It has been within the last 14 years that Mississippi College has developed a comprehensive program of this nature and the man who made it all possible, Dr. F. D. Hewitt, will retire from his post as director of alumni affairs this month.

Dr. Hewitt, a native of Mississippi, returned to the state in 1962 after retiring from the U. S. Navy as a chaplain. His sole intention was to spend a leisure retirement hunting and fishing. Shortly after his return, however, Dr. R. A. McLemore, president of Mississippi College, contacted him about joining the staff of the college as alumni secretary. Dr. Hewitt accepted, thus ending his short-lived retirement, and began his service to the school where he had received his baccalaureate degree.

After only a few days on campus, he was promoted to administrative assistant to the president while still retaining his position as alumni secretary. A vast array of duties quickly fell into his hands among which were public relations, fund raising, alumni work, coordination of the capital fund drive, and editing the college publications.

Reflecting on his initial work with the alumni, Dr. Hewitt remembers how much ground work was needed to get a comprehensive program underway.

"When I came to Mississippi College, the Alumni Association consisted of a pile of cards in the basement of Nelson Hall. I didn't know anymore about

Two Special Education Workshops are offered by Blue Mountain College as Additional Features of the 1976 Summer Session. These are as follows: Education 415, Methods and Materials for Teaching the Child with Learning Disabilities. These Semester Hours of Credit will be earned by those who participate. The dates for this short course June 16-July 2. The hours for the course are 8:30-11:30 a.m., daily. Education 415 will be directed and taught by Mrs. Brooks Collins Marr of Tupelo. Mrs. Marr will also teach another Short Course in Education which will offer three semester hours credit, Education 320, Arts and Crafts for Teachers of the Mentally Retarded Child. The dates are the same as for Education 415, but hours are from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. daily.

The annual Music Education Short Course, to be directed by Miss Ernestine Ferrell of the State Department of Education, Jackson, will again be offered June 21-25 and the hours for the week are from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. One Semester Hour of Credit will be earned by those Elementary Teachers who participate in the Music Workshop. Miss Ferrell has conducted this workshop for a number of years at Blue Mountain College.

Leroy Smith Dies

In Phoenix,

Arizona

Leroy Smith, director of missions in Phoenix for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, died May 17.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 19, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Phoenix.

Smith was active in pioneer Southern Baptist work. He served for eight years as secretary of evangelism in Arizona beginning in 1948. Eight years beginning in 1956 were spent in the Colorado Baptist General Convention as Secretary of Stewardship and Missions, assistant to the Executive Secretary, and Director of Missions for Denver Association.

For two years he served as pastor of Windermere Baptist Church in Denver. In 1966 he became director of missions in the Colorado

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Dr. F. D. Hewitt, Jr. (right), retires from the Mississippi College administrative staff this month after 14 years of service as director of alumni affairs. The college yearbook, the "TRIBESMAN," recognized this service by dedicating the 1976 issue in his honor and that of Dr. D. Gray Miley, dean of the School of Business and Public Administration. Presenting Dr. Hewitt his copy of the yearbook is Teresa Terrell of Oak Grove, La., editor of the publication. (M.C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

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11:30 Offering
11:25 Message—Jerry Vines, pastor, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.
12:00 Prayer for America
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2:05 Message—Peter Lord, pastor, Park Avenue Baptist Church, Titusville, Fla.
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9 North American Baptist Bodies Increase, Says BWA

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While a part of the Progressive Convention's gain came from the planting of new congregations and the receiving of additional members on confession of faith in the older congregations, it appears that part of their gain may also have represented transfer of congregations from other Baptist conventions, according to the BWA.

The largest decline in North America cited by the BWA was reported by the National Primitive Baptist Convention. "It is largely illusory," said Carl W. Tiller, BWA statistician. "It had previously been carried for five years at its 1971 figures of 2,198 churches and 1,045,000 members. This year a convention officer reports its totals at 515 churches and 250,000 church members. The convention actually experienced a membership growth of about 5,000 in the year immediately past," he said.

The Southern Baptist Convention, dominant body in American Protestantism, had a net gain of over 200,000 church members, coming to a high of 12,735,663 in 34,902 churches. The Progressive National Baptist Convention was next in gains, reporting 154 additional churches and its membership up 200,000, to a new 750,000 total.

Baptists in North America

	1976 ¹	1975		
	Churches	Members	Churches	Members
United States of America ²				
American Bapt. Association	3,300	950,000	3,100	869,000
American Bapt. Churches	5,914	1,558,610	5,928	1,567,271
Baptist Bible Fellowship	2,332	1,200,000	2,324	1,250,000
Baptist Gen. Conference	631	113,957	632	111,093
Bapt. Missionary Assoc. of America	1,440	203,903	1,437	199,640
Conservative Baptist Association of America	1,127	300,000	1,127	300,000
General Assoc. of General Baptists	845	69,800	850	70,000
General Association of Regular Bapt. Churches	1,503	232,100	1,495	225,463
National Association of Free Will Baptists	2,400	225,000	2,400	220,000
National Bapt. Convention of America	12,392	3,499,000	12,392	3,499,000
National Bapt. Convention, USA, Inc.	26,670	6,283,000	26,870	6,283,000
National Primitive Bapt. Conv.	515	250,000	2,198	1,845,000
New Testament Assoc. of Indep. Bapt. Churches	50	8,200	0 ³	0 ³
North American Bapt. General Conference	248	41,885	246	41,434
Original Free Will Baptists, N. C. State Conv.	430	42,000	0 ³	0 ³
Progressive National Bapt. Convention	1,474	748,000	680	548,000
Seventh Day Bapt. General Conference	62	5,177	62	5,338
Southern Bapt. Convention	34,866	12,732,343	34,711	12,513,747

Data for some Baptist bodies, shown in the accompanying schedule, will be unfamiliar because figures for each convention are divided by the BWA among the countries in which its churches are located.

The BWA's data for the U. S. also differ appreciably from some Baptist statistics published by others. Other figures still carry the outdated data for the National Primitive Baptists, Tiller said. Also, the BWA acknowledges existence of several bodies not listed elsewhere, notably the Baptist Bible Fellowship with 2,322 churches and an estimated 1,200,000 members in North America.

The BWA statistics also include a North Carolina body of Free Will Baptists, a body of "Independent" Baptists in the North

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Inspiration In Norfolk

The annual convention of Southern Baptists actually is a business meeting, where messengers from the thousands of churches convene each year to hear reports from the convention's institutions, agencies, commissions, and committees, and to transact business relative to their work.

Yet, the convention also is almost always a meeting of great inspiration and spiritual power. One can hardly attend these sessions without feeling a stirring in his heart concerning the work of our Lord as Southern Baptists are participating in it.

The inspiration is brought by the reports themselves, by devotional and special addresses which are a part of every program, and by features such as pageants, mission spectacles, choirs and other musical groups and soloists, and other, often exciting, events. In the Norfolk meeting a number of major addresses, including one by the president of the United States, have been scheduled. One never knows when he goes to a convention, what report or emphasis is going to bring the greatest spiritual uplift and challenge, but these come at every meeting. Of course, the highest hour usually comes at the times of the mission reports, but other events can bring high impact too.

Inspiration, however, also comes to the annual meetings because of the auxiliary meetings. The annual Southern Baptist Convention sessions actually are not one meeting, but several, since numerous other related meetings are held. The convention itself is the reason for the messengers assembling but the related meetings are a vital part of the week, and add much to it. While the main convention necessarily must be a business session, the other meetings are almost entirely inspirational.

The two largest related meetings are the WMU Convention and the Pastor's Conference. For many years each of these has been held in connection with the annual convention session.

WMU

The WMU (Woman's Missionary Union) meeting always is a time of missionary concern and interest, featuring mission leaders, missionaries, mission pageants and other specials, as well as other speakers and panels on related subjects. This year's theme is "Stand Up and Bless the Lord."

Among the WMU speakers will be C. Ronald Goulding of London, a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance; Congressman John Buchanan of Alabama; Edward E. Ploughman of Christianity Today; Paul Stevens of the Radio and Television Commission; A. B. Rutledge of the Home Mission Board; and Baker J. Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board. In addition there

NEWEST BOOKS

A COMMENTARY ON GENESIS by Harold G. Stigers (Zondervan, 332 pp., \$12.95) The author is a widely known lecturer and writer on Old Testament and New Testament Archaeology. The book is thoroughly conservative, even though the writer's scholarship is clearly seen. He takes issues with higher critics who have assigned various parts of Genesis to different writers, saying that it is an integrated whole. He rejects the documentary hypothesis which modernists have claimed discredits the book. After two splendid chapters of Introduction which deal with the message of the book and critical questions, the author begins a verse by verse commentary that covers the entire book.

EARTH'S EARLIEST AGES by G. H. Pember (Kregel, 232 pp., \$5.95) Revised edition of a book which first appeared in 1876. The first nine chapters deal with creation and events of the earlier part of Genesis through the flood. The author discusses the days of Noah and then turns to Jesus' words as in the days of Noah. From this he begins to study Satanic activity in the days of Noah and moves into our present modern day with studies of spiritualism and other false religions. Finally he comes to signs of the end, showing the connection of earth's earliest ages with the present day situation. The book was brought up to modern times some 25 years ago by another scholar, G. H. Lang.

MOM, THEY WON'T LET US PRAY by Rita Warren with Dick Schneider (Revell, 191 pp., \$5.95) The moving story of a Boston woman who fought within the law to bring prayer back into the schools. What she accomplished was securing the passage of a law which allows a moment of meditation or prayer at the beginning of the school day in Massachusetts' schools.

OPEN FAMILY LIVING by Dr. Thomas C. McGinnis and John U. Ayres (Doubleday, 276 pp., \$8.95) A marriage and family counselor of long experience, writes on family living. The subtitle is "A New Approach for Enriching Your

will be addresses by a number of WMU leaders, past and present, as well as a Bicentennial drama, special music and other features.

As usual, it all adds up to a great and inspiring program.

Pastor's Conference

The other major pre-convention meeting will be the Pastor's Conference, which will be held in the same hall where the convention will begin on Tuesday. The WMU meeting is in an adjacent room in the same building. Both meetings begin on Sunday evening, and will continue all day and evening on Monday.

The president of the Pastor's Conference this year is Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis. He, with his program committee, has chosen for Norfolk an array of outstanding preachers, along with two laymen, from across the convention and, simply from looking at the names listed, we predict that there will be a mighty preaching, clear witness, and deep spiritual impact in the meeting.

The effectiveness of the Pastor's Conference program always is dependent upon the preaching. When there is mighty preaching of the Word of God, the attendance is large and the spirit is great. We believe that it will be that this year.

The program includes some of the convention's outstanding pastors and some of its most beloved preachers.

Program

Think of a program which includes sermons by W. A. Criswell, Robert G. Lee and Jack Taylor. These are household names with most Southern Baptists. Add to these men like Homer Lindsey, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla.; Charles Stanley of First, Atlanta; Jerry Vines of Dauphin Way, Mobile; Russell Clearman of Olivet, Little Rock; Peter Lord of Titusville, Fla.; and Richard Jackson of Phoenix, Arizona. Some of these men are more widely known than others, but all are pastors of strong, effective soul-winning churches. Add Ron Dunn, widely known Bible Conference speaker, Walter Judd, retired missionary and congressman, and Col. Heath Bottomley, layman from California. Then intersperse the program with a youth choir from Bellevue Church, Anita Bryant and the Anita Bryant Singers, and other special music.

Put all of that together and you have a program which should be characterized by spiritual power and inspiration, and that will proclaim the Word, magnify Christ, and glorify God. Knowing Adrian Rogers, we are sure that in his purpose in planning this program, it presents men who hold the Bible believing, Christ centered stance of Southern Baptists and should bring rich inspiration to those assembled for the convention.

Life Together. This is a full discussion of the family, what is happening to it, why some homes are breaking apart, and how to bridge the gaps which tear the home apart. These are practical guidelines for a more rewarding, personal, and family life.

FROM PARENT TO CHILD ABOUT SEX by Wilson W. Grant, M. D. (Zondervan, 177 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.95) A doctor of pediatrics at a hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, writes on the matter of how the parent should teach sex to his children. This is a practical handbook which should prove of value to all parents who are seeking to find an answer to how to properly guide their children in this sex oriented age.

CONVERSATIONS WITH A BARRED OWL by Margaret Clarkson (Zondervan, 115 pp., \$4.95) A well-known author and poet who is a bird watcher, writes of some of her experiences in watching birds. A fascinating book on nature that will give hours of delightful reading.

THE SENSATION OF BEING SOME BODY by Maurice E. Wagner (Zondervan, 251 pp., \$6.95) Wagner is a former pastor and chaplain who now is a full-time professional counselor in Los Angeles. The subtitle of the book is "Building An Adequate Self Respect." This is a discussion of the basic psychological factors which help a person to build an adequate self concept.

GENESIS AND EARLY MAN by Arthur C. Custance; Volume II of "The Doorway Papers" (Zondervan, 331 pp., \$8.95) A discussion of the origin of man with the position taken that he is the instant creation of God and that Adam and Eve were real people. The author discusses evolution and shows reasons for rejecting it. He also has sections on primitive cultures and the problem of their historical origin, the intelligence of early man and a wealth of other materials relative to the matter of origins. The serious Bible scholar will find this to be a most valuable tool in answering those who deny the Bible and a strengthening source for biblical truth.

From time to time there are complaints that these two auxiliary meetings take away from the emphasis on the main convention sessions, or that the programs, especially of the Pastor's Conference, are slanted, reflecting the theological position of the officers. We are hearing that again this year, especially the latter, and feel that the criticism is completely unjustified.

Granted that the programs reflect the theological position of the president, or that he chooses his friends to appear. This is nothing new. Through the years of the conference the programs have, in at least a general way, reflected the thinking of the president. Sometimes they have leaned toward conservatism, and at others a more liberal position. If they are becoming more conservative now, they simply reveal the position of a majority of the pastors attending, for they choose the officers.

The Pastor's Conference is not a platform for promoting a program, nor is it a workshop on plans and methods. It is a preaching place, where God's Word is proclaimed, and where Christ's name is exalted. That is what it is this year, and that is what it should continue to be.

Spiritual Tone

The WMU Convention and the Pastor's Conference help set the spiritual tone for the convention and they do not need to be changed. Indeed, they cannot be changed by the convention, since they are autonomous. The only way the convention could change them would be to schedule the regular sessions to begin on Sunday or Monday, and we do not believe that the messengers ever will do that. Experience has taught that the most desirable time for the convention is in the middle of the week between Sundays where it has been for many years.

The WMU meeting and the Pastor's Conference have become a part of our Southern Baptist way of convention life. They have blessed the convention with the contribution they have made, and we are convinced that they will continue to do so. This year's meetings will be no exception.

These two meetings, however, are not the only ones which add to the inspiration of a Southern Baptist Convention. Other related gatherings are the Church Music Conference, the Religious Education Conference, the Superintendent's of Missions Conference, and the Evangelists Conference. All of these usually are scheduled and we presume they will be held in Norfolk.

All of them, with the inspiration and fellowship of the convention itself, add together to make a great week.

We hope that many of our churches are making it possible for their pastor's and wives, as well as others from their congregations, to go to Norfolk in June.

THE LORD'S TRUE SERVANTS AND OTHER SERMONS by Leon F. Mauser (Sword Publishers, 151 pp., \$3.50) The author is a former educator who is now engaged in preaching in revivals and Bible conferences. Here is a collection of 12 of his sermons. They are biblical, practical, clear in outline, and filled with illustrations.

MISSION UNLIMITED edited by Morris Ashcraft (Stewardship Commission, SBC 344 pp.) Messages delivered at the National Seminar on Support of Missions held at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, Lake Yale, Florida in the spring of 1975. Seminary professors, pastors, and denominational executives discussed support of missions in the light of biblical teachings and doctrinal themes.

WHAT FAITH HAS MEANT TO ME edited by Claude A. Frazer (Westminster, paper, 171 pp., \$4.95) A Christian doctor wanted to know what faith meant to people who teach, write and preach about Christ. The book carries the testimonies of about 20 widely known Christian leaders of a number of denominations. Southern Baptists in the group include: Cecil Sherman, Frank Stagg, E. Glenn Hinson, and K. O. White.

Books Received
DR. JAMES DOBSON TALKS ABOUT GOD'S WILL by James Dobson (Regal, paper, 32 pp., \$3.95)

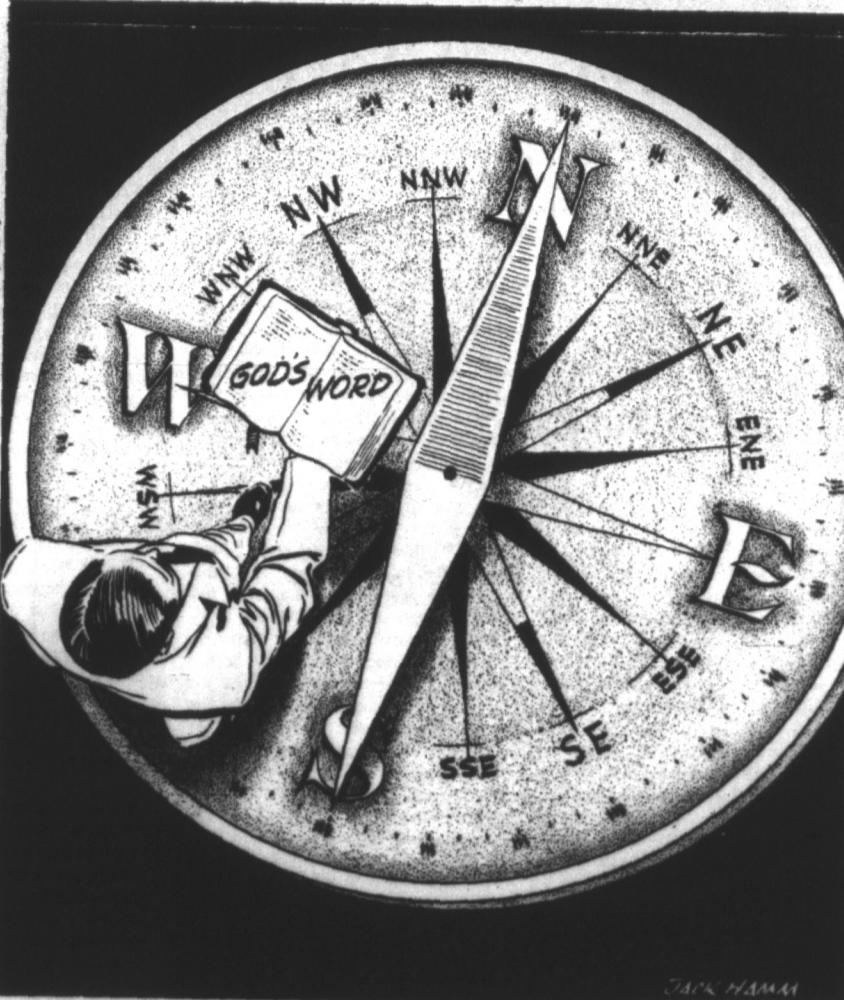
A MIRACLE A DAY KEEPS THE DEVIL AWAY by Pat Boone (Spire Books, Revell, pocket book, paper, 199 pp., \$1.75)

THE PROBLEM OF WINESKINS by Howard A. Snyder (InterVarsity, paper, 214 pp., \$3.95)

GEMS FROM GENESIS by W. G. Beslop (Kregel, paper, 135 pp., \$1.95)

EXTRAS FROM EXODUS by W. G. Beslop (Kregel, paper, 100 pp., \$2.45)

LESSONS FROM LEVITICUS by W. G. Beslop (Kregel, paper, 128 pp., \$1.95)



INCOMPARABLE COMPASS

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Opposed To President Ford Convention Appearance

Dear Editor:

As I read this week's Baptist Record I was greatly disturbed to see that President Gerald Ford is going to address our convention. I seriously question the judgment of this invitation, not from a political viewpoint, but from a spiritual one. I can see no value, much less spiritual value, of having a booze drinking, dancing, liberal Episcopalian address our

convention.

The real problem is not alcohol; the real problem is a spiritual one which shows itself in a lack of self-control on the part of the person using alcohol. To crusade against alcohol would be like cutting the top off a weed and leaving the root in the ground. Just to crusade against alcohol offers no solution whatsoever for the real problem.

Terry Hall & Wayne Hatcher
Ft. Worth, Texas

Through a ministry of many years we have seen that one of the greatest destroyers of lives and homes is alcohol. Furthermore, the "Problem" with prohibition was that it worked. There was far less drinking in those years! We know, both because we lived through those days, and because we have the official records of alcohol consumption during and after! We agree that the major problem is spiritual, but if we can to some degree eliminate enemies of spiritual things we should do so. We shall continue to work for the spiritual, but also to oppose alcohol with all the strength and influence we have — EDITOR

Approves Liquor Editorial Stand

Dear Editor:

I wish to commend you on the article entitled "Liquor and Milk; and Wine," in the April 29 issue. I thank God for Christians who will dare to take a stand. I want to say amen to the editorial. Please continue to fight the evil of alcohol. It surely is destroying our great nation.

L. O. Goad
Box 61
Tunica, Miss. 38676

On The MORAL SCENE...

CRIMES INCREASE — The number of Crime Index offenses reported to law enforcement from throughout the United States increased to 1974. Violent crimes increased 5 percent. There was a one percent decrease in murder. Property crime increased 9 percent. Larceny-theft rose 12 percent, burglary increased 7 percent and motor vehicle theft was up 2 percent. Geographically the Southern States reported an 11 percent increase in the volume of Crime Index offenses. Reported crimes in the Northeastern States rose 10 percent, in the North Central States 8 percent, and in the Western States 6 percent. (Uniform Crime Report, 1975 Preliminary Annual Release)

Disagrees With Editorial Position

Dear Dr. Odle:

The guest editorial of April 29, 1976, "Crisis in the Family," addresses itself to a much more pertinent issue than the "native wine" bill. The passage of the bill would not, in this writer's opinion, cause an increase in the consumption of alcohol. Modern history has shown that during the Prohibition era, non-legalizing of alcohol brought more heartaches than prior to Prohibition. People who drink are going to drink regardless of the law. If a person cannot buy his alcohol legally, he will buy it illegally from a local "moonshiner" or from a dealer involved in organized crime.

I am afraid we are turning some of the world away from Christ by constant negative preaching against alcohol. Let us

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What Are Challenges To Our Generation?

By Gaines S. Dobbins

Fifth in a Bicentennial Series
Colonial Baptists were possessed with profound convictions. They had read the New Testament.

They had become disillusioned with the doctrine of divine rights of kings and inerrancy of pope and Universal Church and bishops and state churches. They were convinced that there was a better life for the people in a democratic government and congregationally ruled churches. They firmly believed that the only authority needed for faith and practice was the Bible. They rejected infant baptism, sacramental salvation, priestly intercession between persons and God. They were irrevocably opposed to union of church and state.

How could they win for such revolutionary convictions? Humorously, no way! Mountains of error blocked them, centuries of tradition.

Religious Groups Declare Neutrality On Conable Bill

By Stan L. Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — Major religious groups joined here in protesting the use by the Internal Revenue Service of its so-called "substantiality" test in limiting lobbying activities by thee churches.

They indicated, however, that they do not oppose a bill currently being considered which would set dollar guidelines for lobbying by nonreligious charities.

The church groups, filing statements with the House Committee on Ways and Means, included the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the National Council of Churches, and the U. S. Catholic Conference. All three statements indicate neutrality in the debate over passage of H. R. 13500, a bill designed to specify how much money nonprofit groups may spend in influencing legislation before Congress.

The bill exempts churches from the dollar limitations placed on other charitable groups. Most nonreligious charitable groups favor the measure, introduced on May 3 by U. S. Rep. Barber B. Conable (R-N.Y.). Conable has been seeking passage of such a bill for the last five years.

It is designed to clear up confusion over the application by IRS of what constitutes "substantial" lobbying activities. The IRS Code states that for a charitable group to preserve its tax-exempt status, it must not engage in "substantial" lobbying. Until now, however, no one has known precisely what the term means.

On several occasions in recent years, IRS has launched what many church officials consider harassing investigations because their public policies disagreed with those of the administration.

In a statement submitted by James E. Wood, Jr., the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs insisted that the IRS' substantiality tests amounts to an invasion by the state into church affairs.

"Religious liberty," Wood stated, "denies to the state the authority to define for the churches the nature and scope of their religious missions." He went on to say that "because some churches define their religious missions as including an obligation to speak out on and attempt to influence public affairs," IRS violates religious liberty when it attempts to set the boundaries of such efforts.

Because of opposition to the IRS policy, a number of religious groups worked with Conable to exclude churches from the bill's provisions. While they do not oppose the idea of setting dollar limitations for nonreligious charities, the churches have nevertheless expressed their ongoing opposition to the IRS policy.

The National Council of Churches (NCC) statement reiterated the organization's long-held opposition to the substantiality test but also indicated that the group would not oppose the bill as cur-

tion defied them, entrenched powers of church and state withheld them. Their efforts were met with irresistible opposition. What recourse did they have?

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" In this sublime confidence Colonial Baptists submitted to be fined, jailed, beaten, held under water until nearly drowned, in a few cases actually put to death on such flimsy charges as preaching and worshiping without a license, resisting an officer, disturbing the peace, "heresy." Their principal defenses were non-resistance, refusal to retaliate, public proclamation of their convictions, friendly cultivation of higher-ups, non-violent demonstrations, petitions to legislative bodies, preaching the gospel without fear or favor. This living of what they believed won for them wide public approval and support and many converts to Christ.

Their pleading was not just for their advantage and relief but to gain basic human rights for all people, as taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ and his inspired

biblical interpreters. These basics included respect for personality, equality of privilege and opportunity, justice before the law, peaceful relationships, law-abiding citizenship, freedom of worship and speech, forgiveness and non-retaliation, love for others as for one's self, unfeigned righteousness. In civil government, they held that the rulers should be the ruled; in the church, that every believer should exercise priestly functions.

From these and similar principles came the inclusive concept of the Kingdom of God, the rule of God in Christ in the lives of all men under the guidance of the

Holy Spirit. It was their dream and hope that America would be the New Israel, as pictured by the prophets and projected in Jesus' prayer, "Thy kingdom come... on earth as in heaven." To be sure, not all these revolutionaries articulated their vision thus fully, but when thus synthesized these were basic elements of their creed.

Two hundred years later we look back to find that many of the principles which these valiant Baptist pioneers espoused, and causes for which they suffered, have been realized. Yet we are bound to recognize that much for which they stood remains unfulfilled.

There are still vast areas of inequality, injustice, lawlessness, economic unfairness, political corruption, religious error, biblical illiteracy, rampant materialism, inordinate self-seeking, unfaithfulness of church members to their Christian commitments, an increasing multitude of the unsaved. By no means has the New World fulfilled the hope that it might become the New Israel of God.

Our Baptist forefathers faced gigantic obstacles to the achievement of their mission in their day—and won! As difficult as was their task, is not ours even more tremendous? Shall we complacently settle down to the routine of maintaining the status quo? Or shall we gird ourselves to meet the challenge of the new era in the life of our nation, resolved to win for Christ in our day with no less courage and determination than our heroes of faith in their day? Destiny rides on our answer!

Lee Association

May 30

James White, Auburn

Leo Barker Baldwin First

G. L. Ford Bissell

Bobby Holland Birmingham

Banks Hardy Belden

May 31

John Stevens Brewer

John Noland Calvary, Shannon

Bob Ramsay Calvary, Tupelo

Gladwin Carpenter Camp Creek

Thomas Littlejohn Chesterville

June 1

Mike Smith Dotys Chapel

Charles Steele East Heights

James Corder East Mt. Zion

Bobby Lee Euclatubba

Marion Jones Eureka

June 2

Avery Lumsden Guntown

Robert Hamblin Harrisburg

Jimmy Wallace Macedonia

Jim Manley Mt. Vernon

William Smith Nettleton, First

June 3

David Poe New Hope

Marvin Murphy Old Union

Ray Ware Palmetto

Earl Shirley Parkway

David Hall Plantersville

June 4

Robert Daniel Priceville

Kenneth Pickens Richmond

Lynton Younger Saltillo

Ira Bright Shannon

G. C. Johnson Southern Heights

June 5

S. J. Meador Sky Line

Billy Nimmens Tupelo First

Robert Weldon Tupelo Second

Herbert Ayers Temple Grove

Troy Kitchens Union

June 6

Rev. Furr is from Tunica, and is married to the former Linda Sanders of Sled-

ge. The Furr

have one

daughter age

three years.

Rev. and Mrs.

Furr are graduates of Northwest Junior College and Delta State University.

Rev. Furr is presently completing

work this semester at the New

Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for the M. D. Degree. He

will assume his new duties June

1, 1976

Carey Breakfast

Planned In Norfolk

William Carey College Alumni

attending the SBC in Norfolk will

hear President J. Ralph Noonkester

discuss exciting new advances

in the college program during a

special steak breakfast on Wednesday, June 16.

To begin at 7:45 in the Suffolk

Room of the Holiday Inn Scope,

directly across from the convention center, the breakfast will be

attended by William Carey Alumni

and their wives. Reservations

must be made by calling or writing

to the Alumni Office of the

school in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Biloxi Staff

Honors Pastor

Dr. Frank Gunn, pastor of Biloxi's First Church was honored by

the staff with a "Coffee Break

Reception on Monday morning

May 17.

On Sunday, May 16, Mississippi

College, Dr. Gunn's alma mater,

conferred on him the Doctor of

Divinity degree in recognition of

his many contributions to his

church, denomination, and especially

in the area of Christian education.

Dr. Gunn is on the Board of

Trustees of New Orleans Seminary

and is vice-chairman of the

Board of Trustees of William Carey College.

Carey Awards Honorary Degrees

Two outstanding citizens of New Orleans, Dr. Hugh Rankin, Professor of History at Tulane University, center, and Dr. Raymond Wilson, Executive Director of Baptist Hospital of New Orleans, right, were awarded honorary doctorates on May 18. President J. Ralph Noonkester of William Carey College chats with the two, following the commencement exercises in which 214 earned degrees were also awarded.

NASA Allows Christian Group Use Of Satellite

By Teresa Shields

RICHMOND (BP) — They call it "Project Look-Up," and it means a \$260 million satellite will be used in a Christian broadcasting experiment aimed toward people in South America.

Prospects for passage of the measure are uncertain. It must receive final action before the end of the year, when Congress adjourns, and some observers question whether it will emerge from the Ways and Means Committee in time to reach the House floor. Others point out, however, that the committee may well report the bill quickly and in plenty of time for final action.

NASA said yes.

NASA's satellite, ATS-6, is now

in operation over India. It beams instructional television programs to parts of India where they are received and transmitted to television sets centrally located in 2,400 villages.

Last year, the satellite was over the United States, where it was used for medical and educational purposes in Alaska and Southwest states. The year before it aided school teachers in the Appalachian region.

"Beginning in January 1977, the satellite will be situated where programs can be beamed to Ecuador, Colombia, and other South American countries," explained Fred T. Laughon, special assistant to Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth.

In 1974, Stevens had predicted that "in the next 10 years" such a satellite would be in the sky.

"This whole project was the initial dream of one man, retired Air Force Col. Lawson P. Wynne," said Laughon. "He knew about the satellite and its experimental nature. He is also a committed Christian and desires for the world to hear the message of Christ. He started talking to the right people. That's why today the window to the world is within our grasp."

The Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$3,000 in its March board meeting to help start the satellite experiment, and the Radio and Television Commission has set aside \$1,000 for this project.

Cooperative Program Pays Seminary Tuition

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — Students at Southeastern Seminary here got a surprise "statement" for their 1975-76 tuition.

It came to \$1,761.

After the initial shock, the students breathed easier because stamped in red across the balance due amount were the words: "Tuition Paid by the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptist Convention".

According to President W. Randall Lolley, "the statement underscores both the significant contribution of the Cooperative Program to theological education at Southeastern and our profound gratitude."

More than 70 percent of the seminary's budget comes from the Cooperative Program.

Students at the six SBC seminaries pay no tuition, although each

is responsible for books, housing, food, and incidental expenses.

Prayer Lift

For Pastors:

May 30-June 5

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Wood, Sapp Join Christian Life Commission Staff

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — John A. Wood and W. David Sapp have been elected to the staff of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and both will assume their duties in June.

John A. Wood, 38, will become director of program development and will coordinate special projects on such issues as alcohol education and action, race relations, gambling, and world hunger. Wood a native of Birmingham, will also be responsible for the Commission's summer and regional conferences on Christian social ethics.

Sapp, 28, will become director of organization for the commission. The Savannah, Georgia native's responsibilities include the development of the work of applied Christianity in various state organizations as well as with other Convention agencies and will be in charge of the Commission's specialized conferences related to applied Christianity.

MC Grad To Direct Clinton

Community Christian Corporation

Linda Soles, a graduate of Mississippi College with a major in social work, will become Director of the Clinton Community Christian Corporation effective June 1. The Clinton Community Christian Corporation is a non-profit, non-sectarian corporation organized to help meet the physical and spiritual and social needs of the citizens of Clinton. The corporation is made up of citizens, both black and white, and is seeking to meet the needs of Clinton citizens, whether black or white. Miss Soles is a native of Natchez.

The Board of Directors of the corporation is composed of Mrs. Willie Robinson, Rev. Alexander Kirkwood, Harry Upton, Gladstone Williams, Rev. Roton McQuirter, John Smith, Dr. James Porch, Harry Williams and Dr. Bradley Pope.

Presently there is a Thursday program which provides activities for female senior citizens in the black community offering cultural and social activities. A recreational program on Saturday morning

Both Wood and Sapp will be involved in research and writing as well as speaking.

Foy Valentine, the Commission's executive secretary, said, "Our Southern Baptist work in applied Christianity will be greatly strengthened with the coming of these men. They are superbly trained, highly competent, and deeply committed young ministers. The Christian Life Commission is extremely fortunate to have them join us in the task of helping changed people to change the world."

Wood holds the doctor of philosophy degree from Baylor University and the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from the Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South Carolina.

Sapp holds the doctor of philosophy and master of divinity degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He earned his bachelor of arts degree from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.



43 Mississippians Graduate From New Orleans Seminary

Forty-three from Mississippi graduated from New Orleans Seminary in exercises May 15. They were part of a graduating class of nearly 150 seniors receiving degrees in Music, Theology and Religious Education. Mississippi graduates pictured above are: Kenneth A. Marler, Natchez, Master of Divinity degree; Leroy Callahan, Carthage, Master of Divinity degree; Bob I. Golden, II, Biloxi, Master of Divinity; Kenneth R. Shumake, Runnels, Master of Religious Education; Henry Adams, Carthage, Master of Divinity; Kenney Digby, Fulton, Master of Divinity;

Eddie L. Hamilton, Tishomingo, Master of Divinity; Charles Ellis Sones, Picayune, M. R. E.; Don George Neren, Tupelo, Diploma of Pastoral Ministry; Charles R. Holmes, Columbia, Master of Divinity; Sammy Jerry Crawford, Belzoni, M. R. E.; John E. Adams, Summit, Master of Divinity; Gary M. Bowlin, Liberty, Master of Divinity; Michael Everett, Brandon, Master of Divinity; Gary Berry, Mt. Olive, Master of Divinity; Sammy Jerry Crawford, Belzoni, M. R. E.; John E. Adams, Summit, Master of Divinity;

Divinity; James K. Byrd, Columbia, Master of Divinity; James J. Autry, Ashland, Master of Divinity; Cecil King Nation, Columbus, M. R. E.; Marion Seaney, Pearl, Master of Divinity; W. Rex Yancey, Tupelo, Master of Divinity; Dean Timbes, Burnsville, Diploma in Pastoral Ministry; Mitchell L. Gentry, B. A. D. W. M. E.; Marion Barnett, Ellisville, Master of Church Music; George Barry Barnett, Ellisville, Master of Divinity; Clyde David Brooks, Magee, Master of Church Music; Henry Adams, Carthage, Master of Divinity; Kenney Digby, Fulton, Master of Divinity;

Divinity; James Everett Reed, Columbus, Master of Divinity; Marty Evans, Jr., Greenville, Master of Divinity; Donald M. Rahaim, Laurel, M. R. E.; Al M. Rahaim, Laurel, M. R. E.; Joel H. Fisher, Campobello, S. C. and Clara, Ms., Master of Divinity; Jimmy Furr, Tunica, Master of Divinity; Robert Lloyd Smith, Brookhaven, Master of Divinity; Charles E. Abbey, Laurel, M. R. E.;

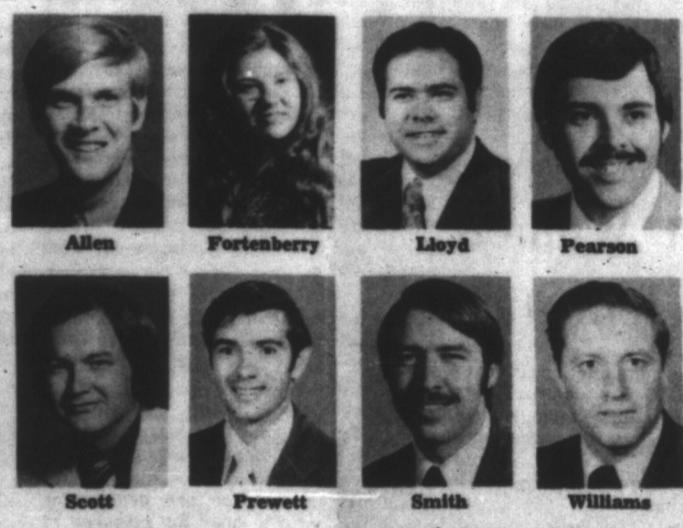


Southeastern Graduates One From Mississippi

WAKE FOREST, N. C. — In commencement ceremonies on the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary campus on May 14 and 15, John Thomas Treadwell of Laurel was awarded the Master of Divinity degree. Southeastern Seminary, celebrating its twenty-fifth year, graduated 193 students, the largest in its history. In ceremonies on the campus, Dr. Cecil Ray, General Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, gave the commencement sermon.

Others receiving degrees, not pictured, included Sherrill Alton Dillon, Meadville, Master of Divinity; John Douglas Warren, Jackson, Master of Divinity; Danny Michael Panter, Pascagoula, Master of Divinity; Larry William Moore, Meridian, Master of Religious Education.

Doctoral degrees were awarded to Glenn H. Morgan (not pictured) McComb, Doctor of Ministry; Robert E. Pearce, Clarkdale, Doctor of Ministry; and Felix V. Greer, Jr., Jackson, Doctor of Ministry.



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Two Mississippians To Graduate From Midwestern

May 29 marks the date that 80 men and women will receive a total of 82 degrees from Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. Dr. Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will deliver the principal address for the school's 16th annual commencement exercises.

Among Midwestern's '76 graduates is Harold Hutchison of Saltillo, Miss. Hutchison will receive the Master of Divinity degree.

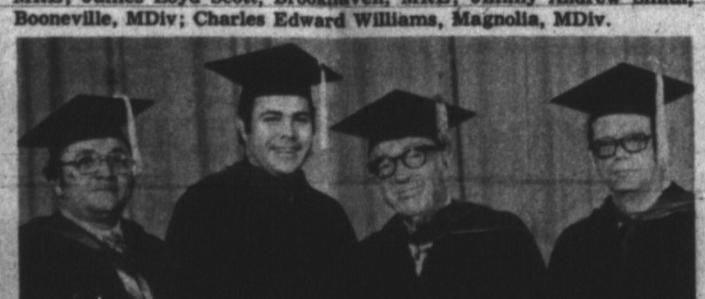
Also from Mississippi is James Benjamin DuBose, Jackson, who will be receiving the Doctor of Ministry degree.

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Doctoral Graduate

Charles Sherrill Lloyd (second from left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Lloyd of Clinton, Miss., is being congratulated by President Robert E. Naylor upon being conferred the doctor of theology degree during spring commencement exercises held recently at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Also pictured, at left, is Huber Drumwright, dean of the School of Theology, and at right is Ralph Smith of the committee on advanced studies.

Logan Graduates From Mid-America

Clovis Harold Logan of Bruce, Miss., was one of 24 students who were graduated from Mid-America Seminary May 13. He was awarded the diploma in Christian Theology.

Speaker for the graduation exercises

was Dr. Jimmy Jackson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Merritt Island, Florida.

Mid-America has completed its fourth year of operation and has been meeting in the facilities of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. It will be moving into newly acquired facilities in Memphis in August, according to an announcement by Dr. B. Gray Allison, president.

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Days Of Beginning

By Wm. J. Fallis
Matthew 16:18; Luke 1:1-4;
Acts 1-2

For these next three months we will be studying the Bible in a way we've never studied it before. Under the title "The Bible and the Church" we will examine various passages related to the development of the church, to some crucial events in its history, and to some vital aspects of its life



and work in recent centuries. In June we will find in the Bible the message of the church, its pattern of organization, its growth problems, and its relation to the state. Today's lesson focuses on what the first Christians believed and preached — even before the New Testament was written.

The Lesson Explained Starting With Jesus Christ (Acts 1:1-2)

Before reading these verses, it would be helpful to read Luke 1:1-4 because both books were addressed to the same person. The writer wanted Theophilus to have an orderly and dependable account, first, of the ministry of Jesus and, second, of what his followers did after he left them. Luke made it clear that Jesus was the generating center of the movement, the regenerating heart of a new fellowship. The apostles he

had chosen responded to his instruction given through the Holy Spirit, but it all started with Jesus Christ.

New Testament Preaching (Acts 2:22-24)

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples (about one hundred twenty) were gathered on the day of Pentecost, and remarkable things began to happen. When Jews from various countries heard the disciples speaking in their several languages, they were amazed. Then Peter began to preach, using a quotation from the prophet Joel to explain why the Spirit was working in the disciples.

Then in verses 22-24 Peter shifted their attention from Joel to Jesus. Only seven weeks earlier that young man of Nazareth who had done with God's help so many marvelous things was crucified. Although "wicked hands" of Rome had actually performed the execution, Peter accused his own people of being responsible. Although the death of Jesus was a part of God's settled purpose, he would not let death have the last word. God "set him free from the pains of death, for it was impossible that death should hold him prisoner" (TEV). Thus, from the

start, New Testament preaching was focused on Jesus Christ — his life, death, and resurrection.

Old Testament Prophecy (Acts 2:25-32)

Immediately, Peter turned again to the Jewish Scriptures and quoted Psalm 16:8-11 to emphasize the meaning of Christ's resurrection. These four verses are a fervent testimony of the psalmist's confidence in God's goodness. God would not forsake him even in the realm of the dead (hell or Sheol), nor would he let the "holy One undergo decay" (Weymouth).

After quoting the passage, Peter declared that David could not possibly have been talking about himself because his tomb was still there. He had died and was buried. But knowing that God had promised that one of his descendants would inherit David's throne, the psalmist was prophesying the resurrection of the "holy One." What David foresaw, now the one hundred twenty disciples, could declare as witnesses. Thus, three times in his sermon Peter used the Old Testament to support his declaration of the Good News.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

From Slavery To Sonship

By Bill Duncan
Galatians 3:1-4:31

What is the purpose of the law? Everywhere we go we see highway signs that say, "55 miles an hour." The highway patrol enforces the law. The law cannot change the person's heart. The law does not establish the minimum standard of what is right. The law can also condemn those who fail to reach this standard.

For example, a speed law cannot make a man into a careful, considerate driver; but, it can condemn him when he drives recklessly.

Galatians 3 and 4 constitute the doctrinal portion of Paul's letter. Paul faced his readers with the central issue — Christ or the law? He forcefully demonstrated that God's plan of salvation is by grace through faith, and that legalism brings not freedom but bondage.

WHAT THE LAW CAN DO
Galatians 3:19 - 29

In contending that the law has no power for salvation, Paul was not teaching that it has no value. Just what was the purpose of the law? If it was not intended to procure righteousness, what was its function?

First, the law was given in order to reveal sin until such time as Christ should come. The Bible says that the law "was given because of transgression." This means that the law was added to show what sin is. Law exposed sin as being a transgression of God's will. The law enables a man to recognize his sinful way of life.

The law does not annul the promises of God, neither does it take the place of promises. The law can define sin, but it can do nothing to cure it. The law cannot free a person from sin's penalty or sin's power.

Second, the law was given to prepare God's people for Christ's coming. It was a temporary measure in God's plan and was inferior to God's promise. The demands of the law drove men to despair and so caused them to fall back on God's promise. Thus, the law became a restraining or disciplinary force. The KJV calls the law the school master in an incorrect translation. The law was the slave who was in charge of a child's moral welfare. Taking the child to school was only one task. So the law became the guardian until Christ could come into the life with gracious deliverance.

The law cannot save a person. Abraham believed the promise and he was saved. Salvation is by faith and faith alone. Faith, not circumcision was the basis of Abraham's acceptance with God.

The Judaizers taught that faith in Christ was only the beginning of acceptance with God, that such acceptance was incomplete without circumcision. There are those today who would teach the baptism is essential to salvation, that faith plus baptism is what gives one a right standing with God.

plete the purchase of our good works. This explanation of slavery is a mistake. The way of salvation to him was Christ plus good works.

A Christian does not begin his life in grace then finish it by works. He does not begin by depending on the Holy Spirit, then continue it by depending on himself. The Christian life is continually depending on God's grace and the direction of God's spirit. Good works are the fruit of his relationship with God, not the results of his own efforts.

WHAT THE LAW CANNOT DO

Galatians 3:1-18

The promise to Abraham is basic to all God's dealings with the human race. God dealt with Abraham in grace, and God does not change. "Abraham believed God." The way of salvation has always been and always will be a matter of grace. The law came in the days of Moses hundreds of years before Abraham. Nothing God did later in giving the law could possibly set aside that promise made to Abraham.

A covenant was established between God and Abraham. This agreement or will cannot be changed unless God changes his mind. The whole point is that if a mere man cannot change a contract, once it has been ratified, God can surely be depended on to stand by his solemn promise to Abraham.

Before we start to school, we can't wait to be "big enough" to go to school. As soon as we start, almost, we wish every year would hurry and end.

When we're elementary school children, we can't wait for junior high, which we scarcely enjoy because of being anxious to get to high school, soon bored there because we can't wait to get to college, or to be out on our own.

We can't enjoy our first job, afraid we'll miss the first promotion. We look at first homes as whistlestops on the way toward something bigger and better, final destination, Our Dream House.

Now comes yesterday before we enjoyed it. Tomorrow does, too. It's a swindle in which we victimize ourselves, this rushing life away and missing so many lovely things that happen only today. Not listening to the leaves rustling in the breezes.

A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Wife Founder

Every year we think it never will ring, but it does — that final school bell. Most folks hear it joyfully, and when I say wonder why everyone is so happy when school is out, I'm not being facetious. I really do wonder why we human beings spend so much of our time and energy wishing segments of our lives away.

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Gutenberg Book Of Daniel Sold At Auction

NEW YORK — This copy of the Book of Daniel from the Gutenberg Bible was sold at an auction at New York's Sotheby Park Bernet Gallery for \$45,000 to John Howell Books of San Francisco. The book, a folio containing 12 leaves, was printed in 1455 by Johann Gutenberg, the 15th century

Mainz, Germany, printer who invented movable type. The item sold at auction is only one book of the Bible. An original near complete Gutenberg Bible, of which there are only 48 known to exist, is currently on the market for over \$3 million. (RNS Photo)

Bible Conference Outlines

The Sunday School Department has available outlines of the Bicentennial Bible Conference materials. Copies will be mailed free to individuals upon request to Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, 39205.

Speakers Challenge Clarke Graduates

Clarke College Class of 1976 was challenged by Dr. Franklin Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, and Dr. Charles Holladay, state superintendent of education, during commencement activities May 7. Music both morning and afternoon was presented by Mrs. Nell Adams, pianist, Mrs. Alice Davies, organist, and the Clarke College Combined Chorus under the direction of Clark Adams. Dr. W. L. Compre, College president, presided for both sessions.

Letters and tokens of appreciation were presented to two retiring teachers: Mrs. Mary Kee After twenty years of service to Clarke College and Mrs. Ruth Clark after fifteen years. Mrs. Alice Davies, who resigned after six years to accept another position elsewhere, was also presented a letter and token of appreciation.



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Several Churches Plan Homecomings

Cherry Creek Church (Pontotoc County) will celebrate its 133rd anniversary as part of the Bicentennial observance on Sunday, May 30. Organized in May of 1843, Cherry Creek is the second oldest Baptist Church in the county. From its membership came such notable leaders as Bro. J. B. Gambrill, first editor of the Mississippi Baptist Record (1877), and first Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention (1885-87); Miss Pearl Caldwell, Missionary to China (1910-1943); Dr. Earl Kelly, present Executive Secretary, Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; as well as other prominent pastors and laymen who have served the church and convention faithfully.

The activities will be highlighted by old fashioned day, with members dressed in the fashions of long ago, and dinner on the ground. Guest speakers will be Dr. Earl Kelly and Mrs. W. C. Tyler, Professor of Old Testament at Blue Mountain College. Mrs. Tyler is the widow of Dr. W. C. Tyler who served as pastor of Cherry Creek before becoming President of Blue Mountain College in 1960.

Former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend this very special day at Cherry Creek. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude in the afternoon with Mrs. Tyler's address.

Rev. Joe Herndon is present pastor of the church.

Friendship Church, Route 2, Brookhaven, is having an Old-Fashioned Homecoming Day Sunday May 30.

A former pastor, Dr. Raymond Parker, of First Church, Woodville, Texas, will be the visiting speaker for the morning and afternoon services.

Dinner will be served on the grounds at the noon hour.

The church would welcome all members, former members, friends and relatives to come worship and have fellowship together.

Rev. Wiley Reid is pastor.

New Hope Church in Lafayette County will hold a Homecoming the first Sunday in June. Morning service will begin at 11:00 o'clock.

Rev. Ira Perkins from Covington

Tennessee will be the speaker, Sonny Smith, song leader and Miss Marie Smith, pianist.

Lunch will be served at noon. There will be singing and fellowship in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to come and join us and bring someone with you.

Rev. J. W. Massie from Sardis, Mississippi is pastor.

First Baptist Church Amory, has set Sunday, June 27, 1976, as Homecoming Day. This is also the first service of the summer revival at the church.

Dr. G. Earl Guinn, professor of preaching at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be the guest speaker. R. L. and Beth Sigrist of Yazoo City will be guest musicians. A dinner on the ground will be served.

Rev. Larry Kennedy, Pastor.

Antioch Church, Simpson County, will hold its annual Homecoming Day services Sunday, May 30. The pastor, Rev. George Lewis, will bring the morning message with Rev. Herman Milner, pastor, Van Winkle Church, Jackson speaking at the afternoon services.

An afternoon of singing has been planned. The church will also have "Dinner On The Ground."

Rock Hill Church of Brandon, Route 2, will observe its homecoming day, Sunday, May 30.

Rev. Robert Jones, pastor, will bring the morning message with music by Tommy Sparkman, minister of music of Rock Hill.

All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln County, will hold its annual Memorial Homecoming on Sunday, June 6, using a Bicentennial theme. Sunday school is at 10:00 a.m. and morning worship services is at 11:00. Those attending are encouraged to dress early American style if they so desire.

An old-fashioned "dinner on the grounds" will be served at the noon hour in the fellowship hall.

Afternoon services will consist of special music, memorial services and a short business session of the cemetery association.

All former pastors, former members, friends, and interested persons are invited. Rev. James E. Griffith is pastor.



New Building For Woodlawn

Woodlawn Baptist Church of Vicksburg observed its 30th anniversary with dinner on the grounds and a ground-breaking ceremony for a new building. Two charter members of the church are shown with the shovels. They are, at left, Phil H. Irwin, Sr. and, at right, W. L. Snyder. Standing at far left is Dr. Norman O'Neal, director of associational missions for Warren Baptist Association. Second from left is the pastor, Rev. Paul Brooks. At far right is Dr. Joe Ross, building committee chairman. Second from right is James Alexander, chairman of the deacons. The new building will house a 1,000-seat auditorium with 8,688 square feet, education space in 19,752 square feet, and office space in 2,720 square feet. There will be a conference room, and kitchen as well as additional parking for 100 cars. Completion is expected in about 15 months.

1st, Yazoo City Adds Two

New Ministers To Staff

First Church, Yazoo City, has called two new ministers to fill newly-created church staff positions. One young man is a recent college graduate, and the other is a recently graduated seminary man. Unknown to each other, and not planned by the Personnel Committee of the church, both men suggested May 23 as the beginning date for their new work.

Carter Hutchinson will join the staff of Yazoo City, First as minister of education and administration. A native of Alexandria, Louisiana, he received a BS degree in pharmacy from Northeast Louisiana State College in May, 1967.

Mrs. Hutchinson, (Janette) is a native of Baton Rouge. She graduated from Draughon's Business College in Baton Rouge. The Hutchinsons met in 1962 at a Baptist encampment in Dry Creek, Louisiana, and were married in 1968.

Following Mr. Hutchinson's graduation from Northeast, they moved to Patterson, Louisiana, where he worked as a pharmacist. In later years he felt the Lord's calling him into a full-time, church-related vocation. He then entered New Orleans Seminary. Since he has been at the Seminary he has continued to work two nights a week at a local hospital as a pharmacist. He received the

Master of Religious Education degree from New Orleans Seminary on Saturday, May 15, in graduation exercises and was named "Most Outstanding Graduate" in the School of Religious Education.

The couple has two children, Sheryl and Christi. The Hutchinsons have already purchased a home in Yazoo City and will reside at 223 E. 17th Street.

Danny Johnson has accepted the church's call to become director of youth ministries. Danny is a native of San Antonio, Texas, and he spent the early part of his life there. Later his family moved to Beaumont, Texas; Springfield, Missouri; and to Columbus, Georgia, where his "home" now is.

He received a B.A. degree from Mississippi College on Sunday, May 16. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Don Johnson, Danny is unmarried.

Pastor of the church is Rev. James F. Yates.



Revival Dates

Johnson Creek Church, State Line: May 30-June 4; Rev. Marion Ball, speaker; Charles Englebert, singer; services on Sunday at 11 a.m. with dinner in the fellowship hall; no Sunday night church services; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; special music by the Southlands on Sunday; Rev. James T. Harrison, pastor.

Mission Hill Church (Lincoln): June 13-18; Rev. John C. Graves, Jr., evangelist; David Derrick, singer; Sunday morning service at regular time with dinner served at the church and an afternoon service at 1:30; weekday service at 8 p.m.; Rev. W. E. Derrick, pastor.

New Zion Church (Copiah—seven miles west of Crystal Springs on Utica Road): May 30-June 6; Rev. C. O. Lindsey, pastor and evangelist; Dale Sullivan, Sunday School Superintendent, di-

recting music; Mrs. Dale Sullivan, organist and Miss Susan Stringer, pianist; services 7:30 p.m.

Calvary, Louisville: May 30-June 4; Dr. Harold T. Bryson, Professor of Preaching, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Jerry Beatty, minister of music, First Church, Louisville, singer; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; weekday services 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. G. W. Smith, pastor.

AMBATO, Ecuador — A literature booth at the recent annual fruit and flower fair here attracted many visitors and resulted in a positive witness; according to Southern Baptist Missionary Marvin R. Ford. More than 12,000 gospel tracts were distributed and about \$175 worth of Christian books were sold.

June Baptist Hour Topics

Open minds may be God's way of reaching children asserts Dr. James L. Pleitz in the June "Baptist Hour" sermons.

Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., is the summer Baptist Hour speaker. Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, regular speaker, will return from vacation in July.

In the June 6 "Baptist Hour" sermon titled "Christ and the Seeker," Pleitz reminds "We need to keep our minds open. God is still revealing great truths to those who have not closed their

hearts to him."

The June Baptist Hour sermons also include "A Glimpse Inside Heaven," a Father's Day sermon in which God is described as the perfect father, loving and accessible and caring, and the June 27 sermon, "Christ, the Christian, and Our Country."

In this sermon, approaching the July 4 Bicentennial celebration, Pleitz reminds listeners the nation has problems. "I am sick," Pleitz says, "but it is not sick unto death. The Christian can have a part in making it well."

Names In The News



Mrs. Mary Joe Hannaford, formerly of Jackson and now coordinator of the counseling department of Gwinnett County Schools in Georgia, has been honored as Counseling Coordinator of the Year by the American School Counselors Association.

Mrs. Hannaford, who received her bachelor of arts degree in 1946 from Mississippi College and then earned the master of education in counseling and guidance from the college in 1964, was recognized for her development of teacher support groups utilizing Transactional Analysis and involving more than 500 teachers in the local school system.

Mr. Eral Terry, father of Mrs. G. Clayton Bond, missionary to Togo, died April 25 in Clute, Tex. Mrs. Bond, the former Helen Terry, was born in Stearns, Ky., and lived in Freeport, Tex., and Port Sulphur, La., while growing up. She may be addressed at BP 1353, Lome, Togo. Her husband was born in Vernon Parish, La., and lived in several Louisiana and Texas towns as a boy. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, he was pastor of South Columbia (Miss.) Baptist Church.

James L. Sullivan, former Mississippian, and a retired president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will teach a course at the Boyce School, Louisville, Ky., June 8-11, according to Allen W. Graves, executive director



Carey Yearbook Dedicated

Dr. Hugh Dickens was recently honored by having the 1976 Crusader dedicated to him. Shown above making the presentation is Cherry Wilson, editor. Dr. Dickens is vice-president for development and director of graduate education.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry A. Rankin, missionaries to Indonesia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Jl. Yos Sudarso IV-27, Jember, Indonesia). A Mississippian, he was born in Tupelo and grew up in Clinton. The former Bobbye Simmons, she was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Lincoln County, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Jere A. Wilson, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 3029, 01000, Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil. He was born in Atlanta, Ga., and lived in New Orleans, La. The former Joyce Ann Braswell, she was born in Aurora, Ill., and lived in Chicago, Ackerman and Greenville, Miss.



or of the Ministry Training Center of Southern Seminary. The Boyce School is part of the Center. Sullivan's course will be entitled "How Southern Baptists Work Together." Information on this and other courses is available from the Boyce Bible School — the toll-free number is (800) 626-5525; (502) 897-4603 in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt J. Dean, missionaries to Japan, may be addressed at 1-1-1-chome, Nishi Kojima, Nagasaki 850, Japan. The former Rita Duke of Alabama, she had been Baptist Student Union director at Blue Mountain (Miss.) College for three years.

with registration on June 25 at 12 noon and concludes on June 26, at 3 p.m.

A registration fee of \$5 per person or per church is required. This is due on June 1 and should be sent to the host church: First Baptist Church, Box 2636, Laurel, MS 39440. Participants will need to make their own plans for meals and overnight accommodations.

The two-day workshop begins

Everett Robertson; his wife, Joy; and Sarah Walton Miller will lead in a puppet workshop June 25-26 at First Baptist Church, Laurel, according to Norman A. Rodgers, church recreation consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The workshop will be co-sponsored by the host church, the Mississippi Church Training Department, and the Church Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board. It will offer instruction and training in puppet construction, puppet production, technical staging, and writing for and use of

puppets in a local church and in touring groups.

Conference personalities are widely known for their work in the area of drama and puppetry, Rodgers said. Robertson is drama specialist with the Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department. Sarah Walton Miller is a dramatist, author, and puppeteer. She lives in Houston, Texas. Joy Robertson is a special worker in drama and puppetry with the Church Recreation Department.

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